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APPLICANT(S): Mehta et al.

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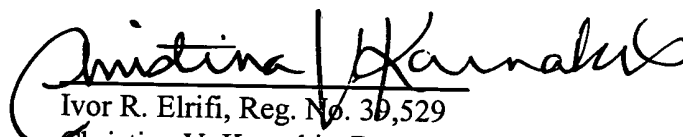
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the November 25, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application. With this extension of time, a response is due on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 (May 25, 2003 being a Sunday and May 26, 2003 being a holiday). Check No. 16367 in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-518. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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